

Amendment No. 1 to HB2103

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) There is created the ad hoc committee on interscholastic sports injuries to:

(1) Study and evaluate concussions and other injuries suffered by student athletes and the long term effects of continued participation in high school, community college, college, and university level sports after suffering such injuries;

(2) Examine the academic growth and behavior of students who participate in high school, community college, college, and university level sports and suffer concussions and other sports-related injuries; and

(3) Determine the best remedy for student athletes who enroll at a community college, college, or university that offers athletic scholarships to student athletes, but whose scholarships are withdrawn because the students are unable to remain on athletic teams due to concussions or other sports-related injuries.

(b) The ad hoc committee on interscholastic sports injuries shall be composed of:

(1) One (1) member of the health committee of the house of representatives;

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(2) One (1) member of the education administration and planning committee of the house of representatives;

(3) One (1) additional member of the house of representatives;

(4) One (1) member of the health and welfare committee of the senate;

(5) One (1) member of the education committee of the senate;

(6) One (1) additional member of the senate;

(7) The executive director of the Tennessee higher education commission, or the executive director's appointee;

(8) The commissioner of health, or the commissioner's designee;
and

(9) The commissioner of education, or the commissioner's designee.

(c) After the appointment of the standing committees for the one hundred tenth general assembly, the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint the members of the house of representatives and the speaker of the senate shall appoint the members of the senate to the ad hoc committee on interscholastic sports injuries. The speakers shall ensure that each grand division of the state is represented from their respective houses in making their appointments.

(d) The member of the committee from the senate with the most years of legislative service shall call the first meeting of the committee. At its first meeting, the committee shall elect a chair and such other officers as the committee deems necessary.

(e) The committee shall meet only on days when both the senate and the house of representatives are meeting in session or meeting in committees.

(f) The committee may solicit information and testimony from all stakeholders, including student athletes, parents, high schools, LEAs, community colleges, colleges, universities, physicians, and athletic associations concerning concussions and other sports-related injuries and their long term effects on students' health, behavior, and academic careers. The committee is encouraged to seek information from the sports medicine community and medical colleges about sports injuries, particularly concussions and their long term medical effects.

(g) The ad hoc committee on interscholastic sports injuries shall report its findings and recommendations, including any recommended legislation, to the health and welfare committee of the senate, the education committee of the senate, the health committee of the house of representatives, and the education administration and planning committee of the house of representatives by July 1, 2018. The committee shall cease to exist upon submission of the committee's report and recommendations.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.